(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government for expansion of communication services in the above district; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The Department has planned to add 4376 lines of net switching capacity and provide 2625 telephone connections against waiting list of 370 in Morena District during 1996-97.

List of General Category/OBCs And SCs/STs

3264. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a complete list of general category, backward classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, the category-wise population thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Government provides rail fare, special earned leave, union rooms and telephone facility etc. to recognised unions of Government employees of general category;

(d) if so, the reasons for not providing these facilities to the unions of employees of backward classes, Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes;

(e) whether it is also a fact that there is ban on recognition of unions and associations of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled tribe employees; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The category-wise population is given below:

S.No.	Category	Population as per 1991 Census
1.	Scheduled Castes	13,82,23,277
2.	Scheduled Tribes	6,77,58,380
3.	General Category	Not available
4.	Backward Classes	-do-

(c) and (d). Under the CCS (RSA) Rules, 1993 "Service Association shall not be formed to represent the interests, or on the basis of any caste, tribe or religious denomination or of any group within or section of such caste, tribe, religious denomination". Therefore any union seeking to represent Government employees of only general category or of SC/ ST cannot be granted recognition and therefore, the question of giving any facilities to such an association does not arise.

(e) Under the Trade Unions Act, 1926 there is no restriction on registration of unions on the basis of caste/ tribe.

(f) Does not arise.

Airport at Kota

3265. VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the airport at Kota lacks landing facilities;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which the said facility is likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[English]

Minority Welfare Programmes in Kerala

3266. SHRI T. GOVINDAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the various Minority Welfare Programmes implemented in Kerala and its district-wise break up;

(b) whether the Union Government are monitoring the implementation of various Minority Welfare Schemes in Kerala;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the total amount spent under these schemes during the current financial year in the State?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) The 15-Point Programme for the welfare of minorities is being implemented all over the country including the State of Kerala. This programme has resulted in launching of several educational, employment promotion and economic development schemes for the overall development of minorities. They include pre-examination